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MEMORANDUM

To: Mary A. Glassman, First Selectman

From: Richard L. Sawitzke, P.E., Town Engineer/Director of Capital Projects *RLL*

Subject: Jim Clifton, 2012 William Hatfield Award

Date: March 6, 2013

On January 30, 2013, Jim Clifton received the William D. Hatfield Award from the New England Water Environment Association. This award is given annually to one operator of a New England wastewater treatment plant for their outstanding performance and professionalism.

Jim, who was appointed Superintendent of Simsbury's facilities on March 6, 2000, holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Biology and had 19 years of prior experience in teaching and wastewater facility operations.

During the past thirteen years, Jim has operated Simsbury's facility at an optimum performance level in compliance with DEEP and EPA permit standards. He has overseen the successful completion of the \$2.4 million treatment plant expansion and renovation, which included equipment to meet the latest nitrogen removal requirements, modern laboratory equipment, and data monitoring/system control software to allow efficient monitoring and adjustment of all plant functions.

Jim is dedicated to high wastewater treatment standards, plant safety and public education. As such, he has developed numerous operating procedures, safety training and plant tours for numerous area schools and community groups. Jim's most recent contribution to the wastewater industry has been in the development of the Connecticut Wastewater Management Leadership Program. This program has been recognized as an overwhelming success for meeting the critical need to train up-and-coming operators to be leaders in the wastewater treatment business.

Simsbury's treatment facilities protect the environment of the Farmington River and the waters of the State of Connecticut; and, in addition, provides for the opportunity for high quality development to occur in Simsbury.

Simsbury is fortunate to have a Superintendent of his professionalism and dedication.

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